

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended): A control apparatus for managing one or more contents data ~~and in accordance with the~~ using condition information corresponding to the content data,
~~stating use conditions of each contents data~~ said using condition information is indicative of
usage rules of the content data and for controlling the corresponding contents data based on
~~the using condition information,~~ said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a first using condition information described in a first format;

means for converting said first using condition information stated in pre-set format
into the a second using condition information of another format having the same contents
described in a second format which is different from the first format; and

means for transmitting the second using condition information.

2. (Currently Amended) A control method for ~~control data~~ for managing one or more contents data ~~and the~~ in accordance with using condition information corresponding to the content data, ~~stating use conditions for each contents data and for controlling the~~
~~corresponding contents data based on the using condition information,~~ said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data, said method comprising steps of:

receiving a first using condition information described in a first format;

~~a step for~~ converting said first using condition information stated described in a pre-
set the first format into a second the using condition information of another format having the
~~same contents~~ described in a second format that is different from the first format, and

transmitting the second using condition.

3. (Currently Amended): A recording medium having stored therein a control program for control data for managing one or more contents data ~~and the~~ in accordance with

using condition information corresponding to the content data, stating use conditions of each contents data said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data, said control program comprising:

means for receiving a first using condition information described in a first format;

means for converting said first using condition information into a second using condition information described in a second format which is different from the first format;

and

means for transmitting the second using condition information.

and for controlling the corresponding contents data based on the using condition information,

said control program for said contents data including a processing for converting said using condition information stated in a pre-set format into the using condition information of another format having the same contents.

Claims 4-18 (Canceled)

19. (New) A data processing apparatus for managing content data in accordance with a using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data, said data processing apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a first using condition information described in a first format; and

means for converting said first using condition information into a second using condition information described in a second format which is different from the first format,

wherein the first using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the second using condition information is substantially equal in meaning to the first using condition information.

20. (New) A method for managing content data in accordance with a using condition information corresponding to the content data, said using condition information being indicative of usage rules of the content data, said method comprising steps of:

receiving a first using condition information described in a first format; and
converting said first using condition information into a second using condition information described in a second format which is different from the first format, wherein
the first using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the second using condition information is substantially equal in meaning to the first using condition information.

21. (New) A computer readable medium that is encoded with computer readable instructions configured to implement a process when executed by a processor, said process comprising steps of :

receiving a first using condition information described in a first format; and
converting said first using condition information into a second using condition information described in a second format which is different from the first format, wherein
the first using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the second using condition information is substantially equal in meaning to the first using condition information.